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EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE NO. 9/USA FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MORNING OF MARCH 15:

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AMERICAN MILITARY VESSELS FROM THE SIXTH FLEET OF THE USA -- THE DESTROYER ESCORT VESOLE AND THE GUIDED MISSLE DESTROYER TURNER, HAVING TRANSITED THE STRAITS OF THE DARDANELLES AND THE BOSPHORUS INTO THE BLACK SEA, VIOLATED SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE REGION OF ZMEYNIY ISLAND ON MARCH 10, 1975. DESPITE REPEATED SIGNALS FROM SOVIET MILITARY AND BORDER PATROL VESSELS, THE AMERICAN MILITARY VESSELS IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN 22 HOURS 20 MINUTES AND 23 HOURS 40 MINUTES MOSCOW TIME CROSSED SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE SAID REGION, HAVING PENETRATED THEM UP TO A DEPTH OF ONE AND ONE HALF TO TWO MILES.

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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTS THE STATED VIOLATION OF

THE STATE FRONTIER OF THE USSR BY VESSELS OF THE NAVAL FORCES OF THE USA AND INSISTS THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN SIDE NOT TO ALLOW SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN THE FUTURE.

MOSOCW, MARCH 15, 1975

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MOSCOW

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